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Applicant: Carl W. Gamaat Date: January 30, 2003
Serial No.: 09/905,558 Group Art Unit: 1638
Filed: July 13, 2001 Examiner: M. Ibrahim
For: ZmAxig1 Polynucleotides and Methods of Use

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the communication mailed January 9, 2003, in which the Examiner correctly pointed out that Applicants' October 24, 2002, reply to the Restriction Requirement of September 25, 2002, was incomplete. Applicants apologize for the oversight and thank the Examiner for the opportunity to properly respond.

The Applicants have previously elected, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group III (Claims 15-32), and have expressly reserved the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the remaining claims.

The Examiner has further required election of one of inventions (C) - (F), where (C) is SEQ ID NO:3; (D) is SEQ ID NO: 4; (E) is SEQ ID NO: 5; and (F) is SEQ ID NO: 16. The Applicants maintain their traversal as stated in the response of October 24, 2002, but provisionally elect (F), SEQ ID NO: 16.

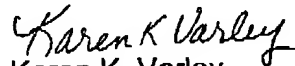
The Examiner further required the Applicants to elect a single primer. Applicants have respectfully traversed this requirement and provisionally elected SEQ ID NO: 10.

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Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned agent so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that an extension of time is required. However, in the event that extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-1852.

Respectfully submitted,


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